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**Re: Application S.N.: 09/936,741**  
**Applicant: Sergey Popov**  
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Dear Sir:

We enclose the following in furtherance of the referenced matter.

1. Preliminary Amendment Before First Office Action with attached Clean Form of revised specification and Marked-up Version Showing Changes to specification;
2. 18 sheets of drawings; and
3. Certificate of Mailing.

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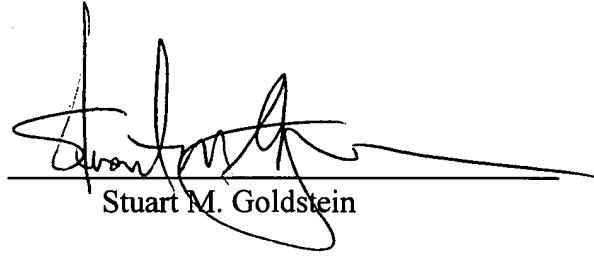
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